## Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I strongly support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (Docket 98P-0203/CP).

I find it simply hideous that factory farmers intentionally keep these hens in deplorable conditions and that they deprive the hens of food and water for two weeks or more just to trick the hens into laying more eggent before they are sent to slaughter.

Your attention to this matter will be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Gerri O'Grady

Very truly yours,

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